the construction of hotels directly, as it is a private sector activity.

(c) At present, Vayudoot has no plans to introduce a service to Kanya Kumari.

Relaxation of **rules by RBI** for Loan**and interest payment** for **sickIndustries**

1157. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for relaxation of RBI rules for loans and extension of time for interest payment to pave the way for restarting sick and closed industries in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the said proposal?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE); (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI has reported that there is no proposal for modification of their existing guidelines in the matter. However, issues relating to problems of sick units and measures for their rehabilifation are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Revised electoral rolls in Assam

1158. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE; Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Minority Front in Assam submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Assam with regard to the revision of electoral rolls in Assam, and

(b) if so, what were the specific issues raised and demands made by the front?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI); (a) Yes, Sir. '

(b) Non-inclusion and deletion of eligible voters from the voters' list was one specific issue raised in the memorandum. The Front had accordingly demanded a review of the finally published electoral rolls.

Visit of the chief of Fairfax Intelligence Agency to India

1159. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief of the Fairfax Intelligence Agency, Michael Hershman, visited Delhi in the third week of January, 1990 on an invitation from the Government of India; and

(b) if so, what are details in this regard?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE); (a) No, **Sir.**

(b) Does'not arise.

Assessment of incidence of indirect taxes and subsidies

1160. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study through the National Institute of Public Finance **and** Policy to assess the incidence of indirect taxes and subsidies as was stated in the Long Term Fiscal Policy statement in December, 1985;

(b) whether the benefit of food and fertilizer subsidies have trickled down to poorer sections of our society;

(c) whether the Government are considering to substitute converted subsidies by coverted subsidies ensuring the regressiveness of fiscal benefits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE); (a) The National Institute of Public Finance and Policy had submitted a study on "Indirect Taxes in India An Incidence Analysis" in 1988.